

REPAIRS

It is the landlord's responsibility to maintain the rental unit. Do **NOT** perform repairs on your own. If you perform repairs you do not have rights for reimbursement. Follow these steps.

1. Review your lease for procedures regarding repairs. Some landlords have specific guidelines for repair requests.
2. If your lease does not address repair procedures, call the landlord. This gives the landlord an opportunity schedule the repair work based on the urgency of the problem. Calling first also helps maintain a good tenant-landlord relationship (a phone call is less formal than a written notice).
3. Give the landlord a written notice if the phone call does not resolve the problem. The notice should clearly identify the problem and request that the landlord perform the needed repair. 7-day notices to landlord forms can be obtained from student legal services. Keep a signed and dated copy.

Tenants have Rights

If repairs are not completed within a reasonable amount of time (usually 7-10 days depending on the nature of the repair) contact Student Legal Services at 319-335-3276

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